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SUBJECT: INQUIRY ON MANUFACTURE, OF PLASTIC SACKS

1. TUNISIAN CEREALS OFFICE, AGENCY OF TUNISIAN
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, INTERESTED IN HAVING A U.S.
PLASTIC MANUFACTURER MAKE UP A SPECIAL ORDER OF
20/30,000 100 KILOGRAM PLASTIC SACKS FOR TESTING IN
TUNISIA. AT PRESENT, T.C.O. PURCHASES ONE MILLION
JUTE SACKS PER YEAR.

2. TUNISIAN PAY THEIR LABORERS AND STEVEDORES PER
SACK UNLOADED. THEY THEREFORE USE 100 KILO SACKS.
WE ARE AWARE THAT THE U.S. USES ONLY 100 POUND SACKS
THROUGHOUT ITS CEREAL INDUSTRY.

3. GOT FEELS PLASTIC SACKS MAY BE MORE ECONOMICAL
AND AS PRESENT 100 KILO SACKS WEIGHT ONE KILO EACH, THEY
FEEL THERE MIGHT BE A GREAT ADVANTAGE IN USING PLASTIC.

PERHAPS U.S. SUPPLIERS COULD INDICATE WHETHER IT
IS POSSIBLE TO MAKE 100 KILO SACKS.

4. IF 100 KILO SACKS AVAILABLE, EMBASSY WOULD
APPRECIATE INDICATION OF PRICES IF POSSIBLE. ALSO
ADVISE IF SPECIFICATIONS WOULD BE SIMILAR TO 100 POUND
SACKS NOW BEING USED BY FFP/WFP CORN SHIPMENTS.

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